

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the management of waste tires in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, waste tires continue to be a serious environmental and public policy issue;
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WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee continues to experience waste tire policy problems more than five years after implementation of the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991, which established shredding and landfilling waste tires as the means for disposing of such tires; and

WHEREAS, the options and technology for disposing of waste tires have evolved during this period, with several beneficial uses now available from waste tires generated in Tennessee;
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WHEREAS, the geography and demography of Tennessee pose special problems for collecting, transporting and processing waste tires; particular difficulty is encountered in ensuring that small rural counties have reasonable access to the same options available to the larger urban counties; and

WHEREAS, large quantities of abandoned and illegally dumped waste tires exist throughout the state and such waste tires are not being remedied under the current policy codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 68-211-866 and 68-211-867; and

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WHEREAS, private sector tire dealers, tire haulers, processors, and end users have important interests and expertise which must be reflected in any governmental policies involving the disposal of waste tires; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That there is created a special joint committee to study waste tire management and to review existing legislation, policies, programs and problems involving waste tires in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives and five (5) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall determine the appropriate role of the state in waste tire management, whether as funding agency and program manager as under the present law, or as environmental regulator, or as some other, as yet undefined role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall study the appropriate role, if any, of other governmental entities, such as counties, in a program of waste tire collection and management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall study the hierarchy of the various options and technologies for disposing of waste tires, ranging from use as fuel or raw material for other products, to use as special fill in engineering applications, to shredding and disposal in public landfills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall ascertain the appropriate policies for ensuring that citizens across the state, especially those located in remote, rural counties, have access to cost-effective, environmentally acceptable options for waste tire management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall also study the appropriate means, including sources of funds, for remedying and properly disposing of the large piles of abandoned tires across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall consider input from the private sector, including tire dealers, tire haulers, processors, and end users, local officials, state officials, state universities, environmental groups and the general public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the One-Hundredth General Assembly shall remain members of the committee until the committee makes its final report to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the respective speakers no later than January 15, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.